

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, immediately after the title of the invention at line 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation application of a co-pending application having U.S. Serial No. 09/881,290, filed June 12, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/203,140 filed December 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,390,993, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/868,764 filed June 4, 1997, now abandoned, the contents of all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace paragraph 4, on pages 3-4, with the following amended paragraph:

With the bare wire technique, the guidewire is first advanced by itself through the guiding catheter until the distal tip of the guidewire extends beyond the arterial location where the procedure is to be performed. Then a rail type catheter, such as described in U.S. Patent No. [~~5,061,395~~] 5,061,273 (Yock) and the previously discussed McInnes et al. which are incorporated herein by reference, is mounted onto the proximal portion of the guidewire which extends out of the proximal end of the guiding catheter which is outside of the patient. The catheter is advanced over the catheter, while the position of the guidewire is fixed, until the operative means on the rail type catheter is disposed within the arterial location where the procedure is to be performed. After the procedure the intravascular device may be withdrawn from the patient over the guidewire or the guidewire advanced further within the coronary anatomy for an additional procedure.